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Dear Mr. Lemessa:

Thank you for your response and instruction regarding Application Number: 09/917,146.

I have enclosed the following information per your request:

1. A copy of the notice that is being returned with this reply.
2. A late filing fee document (37 CFR 1.136(a). Please note that the fee amount is based on a one month delay from the US Patent Office. If this is in error, please except my apologies and please advise as appropriate. The late filing fee check amount is:
3. An Abstract that has been placed on a separate sheet per your instructions identified as (37 CFR 1.72(b))
4. A check in the amount of: \$1,179.00 to cover total claims for this application

I have also enclosed a separate change document called:

Notes, Corrections and Fixes to Patent Application document, Figure1, Claims document:

to correct the Patent Application.

I would also like to inform you that I have received two other US Patents in this area for which this US Patent Application is related i.e.: #6,101,490 and #6,269,356. I have respectfully requested a continuation in progress for this Patent Application based on the two previous Patents as identified.

I respectfully submit this information to you for your review and comments.

Sincerely,

Charles M. Hatton
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Date Mailed: 03/13/2002

NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 07/27/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 11/28/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The required items noted below SHOULD be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$1179.
 - \$99 for 11 total claims over 20.
 - \$1080 for 27 independent claims over 3.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 1179.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Abstract must be on a separate sheet.
- An Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length, commencing on a separate sheet (37 CFR 1.72(b)).

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A copy of this notice MUST be returned with the reply.

Hanna Lemessa

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